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## BUY A HOME

The editor of this paper is not an old man, but during the past years we have noticed that they who own a home is the happier man than he who rents, no matter whether he is a farmer and rents a farm or whether he is a laboring man and pays rent for a home in town. If he is the owner of a home, no matter how humble, or how small the houses or farm may be, he has the edge on the fellow who is having to pay some one else for the privilege of living on his place. In fact it is a duty you owe to yourself and family, and you should by all means own a home. Now is the time to provide yourself with a home in Lubbock county. The land is cheap, and though you may not be able to buy a section, or even a half, you are able to buy a quarter, and that is enough to make a living on, and it is all yours that you do make. Farmers in this country have made enough to make payments on their land this year off their farms, and this has been a very bad year. And if this could be done this year in this country, then it is safe to say that the same could be done most any other year. For advice to the man who has been wearing his life away on some rich man's farm in the eastern part of the State, is to come to this great agricultural country, invest a few dollars in a quarter section of land, and have your own home, you can easily own it clear of indebtedness in the next two or three years. Buy a home and be happy.

## THEY ARE AT WORK

The Lubbock people say that trains will be running from there into Texico inside of six months. We hope so, but you're not giving the Santa Fe time enough to turn around. Great bodies move slowly. —Texico Trumpet.

They are getting down to business in good shape just the same and if they work as fast on this stretch of road as they did from Plainview to this place which was not over speedy they will not miss Texico far short of six months. The surveyors are now away out the line and you may look for them into Texico in a weeks. They tacked their line on to the end of the main line of the "Y" and pulled out.

Judge J. P. Lightfoot, of Camp county, will be the next Attorney General to take the place of Attorney General Davidson, who resigned to make the race for governor. Mr. Davidson's resignation is to take effect January the first and Governor Campbell has made known his intention of placing Judge Lightfoot in the place as soon as the office is vacated.

The Hereford Recorder is on our exchange table and it is a most creditable sheet. It is published by Messrs. Vanderbilt and Kelly, both experienced newspaper men. Hereford is lucky in having such progressive newspapers and they will do a great deal for the development of the country and Hereford.

## CHASING BUTTERFLIES

Watching along the road of life you will see, if you keep your eyes open, many people engaged in chasing butterflies.

With some it is one thing, with others something else. Life is routed along widely divergent paths and the fellow who has a broad conception of things is the one who finds where the real duties lay. They are up and doing with no time to waste in the chase of useless things.

It is a fact, though, that it is better to chase butterflies than to be idle. The idle mind is one of the chief menaces to society. Idleness breeds viciousness, decay and death. The better way is to find out what you are suited for in the battle and prepare for the duties involved. Keeping the mind occupied is the only way of peace. Forgetfulness of self is one sure avenue to happiness. If you cannot find useful occupation it may be better you to keep up the chase for the illusive butterfly.

## SCORED TO "THIRTY."

There is in the business of the newspaper making no man worth being numbered among the hard working brotherhood who will not appreciate the tribute paid Raymond, on his death, by the Chicago Tribune, which he had served so many years and which in a cartoon emblematic of his finished task quotes Lyttelton's words:

Not one immoral, one corrupted thought.

One line which dying, he could wish to blot. —Fort Worth Record.

The above is a beautiful tribute to a departed brother and one that should cause serious reflection. We of the pencil pushing fraternity have much to make us fretful, much to make us worry and tired of the struggle, but the highest art of the calling is found in doing at all times the things that will stand the test.

Petty frailties should not be allowed to creep in and mar the loftier impulses of the task. Eternal vigilance is the watchword, coupled with eternal fealty to truth.

## PERFECTION—WHAT?

Did you ever really think how easy it would be to attain? Well listen: if you were as perfect as you want your neighbor to be it would be universal. Aint that easy?

When Kaffir corn will produce enough per acre to pay for the land that it is planted on and pay rent toll besides in a year like this has been, there need be no uneasiness about the future of this country as a farming country. It will make good every time, and don't you forget it.

The Avalanche favored incorporation and it was through its columns that the question was probably first agitated. We favor cleaning up the town. And a rigid enforcement of every ordinance along sanitary lines.

Col. Ike Pryor who is well known all over the state is being solicited to become a candidate for Governor of the State. He would no doubt make a good one, and would make a good race, but it is hardly probable that he will suffer his name to be placed before the voters as a candidate.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are made subject to the Democratic Primary

### RATES

District Judge \$20.00  
District Attorney \$15.00  
County Offices \$10.00  
Precinct Offices 5.00

For District Attorney 64th Judicial District:

RUBEN M. ELLARD  
of Plainview, Texas

### WHAT THINK YE?

The article appearing on the front page in this issue in regard to an outrage committed at Amarillo by four Texas rangers, is sufficient to convince any intelligent citizen that the day is past for the necessity of this force in Texas. There was a time when rangers were needed but when one refers to the ranger of that time it was with reference to men and not to a force that mistreated helpless women and innocent babes. Some of the best and bravest men in Texas served as rangers in the earlier days and Texas owes them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid, and no doubt a flush of shame will mount their cheeks when they read of the deeds of their successors. —Alpine Avalanche.

We have been of this opinion the past ten years and we still think that this service could very easily be done away with, and the money expended for ranger hire appropriated to building and furnishing homes for the unfortunates who have lost their minds and are forced to lay in some miserable jail for safe keeping, because the state hasn't sufficient room for them in the asylums. We believe there should be more asylums and fewer rangers.

### OLYMPIAN VALES

God loves the world and makes it beautiful for the habitation of mankind. Turn which way you may and Olympian Vales confront you. What about the fellow who is always in the dumps?

There is a great responsibility resting on the shoulders of each individual and when one allows the grumpy to take possession of himself to the exclusion of the higher impulses, he unites himself for realizing the benefits of life and his ways are dark and gloomy.

Olympian vales are the higher roads leading to man's ultimate destiny. The roads are either lined with the best, or else we find nothing but thorns.

As the mind is trained so will the life be. If we look for the best the best is always present.

Life was not intended to be used for the furtherance of selfish desires. Broad is the ways for those who grasp the true impulses. Your life will be what you make it. No more. No less. Olympian vales prolong the travel. Make your choice.

There are numbers and numbers and numbers of people in this country, who want to put a great amount of land in cultivation, if they can get any one to work for them. There is a splendid chance for a number of farmers to get a good start here if they would only jar themselves loose from some of those chalky points on the side of a mountain in east Texas. The land in this country is very fertile and one man can cultivate a good sized farm, and do the work right. There is going to be a great demand for all kinds of farm produce in this section of the country next year, and the man who avails himself of the opportunities that await them in this country will be the fortunate man, and will be the man with the bank account for a stimulant next winter, when the cold winds of the north come whistling across the prairie.

Read the ad of the Lubbock Drug Company, in this issue. They have a set of cut glass, consisting of seventy-seven pieces, now on display, and it is one of the most attractive propositions seen in this section in many days. Read about it in the half page ad.

The farmer who has his cotton crop out and his wheat crop in should be in a fine shape for enjoying today (Thanksgiving) eh!

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## Santa Claus Is Coming

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This store will be headquarters for Santa Claus this year. You will find the largest and best selected stock of Xmas goods that it has ever been your pleasure to see in Lubbock. Everything new, fresh and up-to-now. Notice for further particulars. We are adding to our stock and expect soon to have one of the best up-to-date drug stores in the West. We make a study of your wants and want a chance to please you.

Yours For Business

## Red Cross Pharmacy

Successors to Star Drug Company

O. L. PHILLIPS, Proprietor

"We are Gaining Every Day, and Thank You for Your Patronage."



IF IT is, you can appreciate how it is possible to embody in one word, the superlative in style, foot comfort, service and money's worth.

If it is not, then there is in store for you a revelation in shoe satisfaction.

For it is the wearer's approval that has established the Nettleton Shoe upon the highest plane in the world of men's fine shoe making.

The constant wearing of Nettleton Shoes begins with the first pair.

## JNO. P. LEWIS & CO.

This is Thanksgiving day and as we retrospect the record, we can but feel grateful unto him, Who is the giver of all good, for His many blessings and protecting care.

We are also thankful for a good line of customers whom we esteem among the very best, and for a liberal patronage which has been well sustained. For all of which we are duly appreciative, and shall endeavor to deserve a continuance by a strenuous effort better to serve our customers interests.

This week we have received a nice selection of classy foot-wear consisting of QUEEN QUALITY and WICKERT & GARDINER Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps. These brands represent the Acme of Merit in Style and fit, and we put the price the same as in the largest cities.

Pumps (Wickert & Gardiner) - \$3.50  
Oxfords—Queen Quality \$3.00 and \$3.50  
Shoes—Queen Quality and Wickert & Gardiner \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50

LET US SHOW YOU

## JNO. P. LEWIS & COMPANY

STORE CLOSSES AT 9 O'CLOCK SATURDAY NIGHTS